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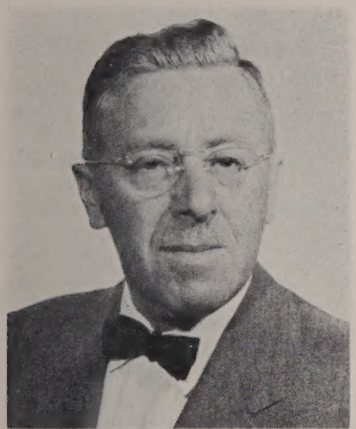
OBS Honors Rosenfield

When Dr. Harold H. Rosenfield arrived at the Sidney Hill Country Club in Brookline one night several weeks ago, he thought he was there simply to dine with his wife and a few friends. To his surprise, he found the entire Obstetrics and Gynecology staffs gathered to pay tribute to him upon his resignation as Chief of Obstetrics and Acting Head of Gynecology to devote full time to his private practice. Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director, was the Master of Ceremonies.



Dr. Harold H. Rosenfield

At the dinner, Dr. Rosenfield also found his eldest son, Jimmie (who lives in New York with the Rosenfield's two grandchildren) and his son Allan, an Assistant Resident in Surgery at Beth Israel Hospital.

His staff presented him with a silver platter which they had all signed, and a check for $2,500 to be added to the Harold H. Rosenfield Research Fund. Mrs. Rosenfield was presented with a pin.

Dr. Louis Burke, Associate Visiting Obstetrician, spoke for the staff: "There has been an unusual intimacy between Dr. Rosenfield and the OBS staff which places our relationship on more than a professional basis. He has been a friend and advisor to all the men on staff. His untiring efforts, in reality, created the present Obstetrical Service at Beth Israel Hospital. Although

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'61 Greetings From Dr. Lee

With the New Year just a few weeks old and the spirit of the holiday season still lingering, I should like to express to staff and employees my personal thanks for the tremendous cooperation and the effective teamwork we have had in this Hospital for the past year. It is extremely gratifying to me, and I hope, to you.

1960 was a momentous year for Beth Israel Hospital. The Board of Trustees announced plans to expand and remodel our facilities. I know you share my pride in reaching this first step toward our future goal.

I wish you all a healthy and a happy new year.

Sidney S. Lee MD

Rubin Acting OBS Chief

Dr. Harold W. Rubin, Associate Visiting Obstetrician and Gynecologist at Beth Israel Hospital since 1947, has been named Acting Chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Acting Head of the Department of Gynecology, it was announced by Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director.

Dr. Rubin took his post on January 1st. He follows Dr. Harold H. Rosenfield, whose resignation became effective December 31st.

A graduate of Tufts Medical School, Dr. Rubin trained at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, Conn., the Boston Lying-In Hospital and the Free Hospital for Women in Boston.

Teaches at Tufts

An Instructor in Obstetrics at Tufts Medical School, Dr. Rubin also serves as Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the New England Hospital and as Assistant Surgeon at the Free Hospital for Women.

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BIH Honors Fifty With Service Awards

Dr. Sidney S. Lee and Mr. Joseph Riesman, 3rd Vice President of BIH, presented fifty awards to employees and staff at the annual Holiday Open House and Service Awards Program held in the South Cafeteria on Wednesday afternoon, December 28th. Those who have served five, ten, twenty and thirty years were honored with pins or certificates.

Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart, Physician-in-Chief and Director of Medical Research, and Bolek (Bill) Janek, Chef, were presented with special certificates as they celebrated more than thirty years at Beth Israel Hospital. Dr. Blumgart has been on Staff since 1928, and Bill Janek has been at BIH since 1929.

A pin for twenty years of service was awarded to Dr. Jacob Fine, Surgeon-in-Chief.

Dr. Thomas Dwyer, Associate Director of the Psychiatric Service, celebrated his 10th anniversary with the Hospital.

The South Cafeteria was decorated with snowflakes and tinsel, and tables were graced with candelabra and floral centerpieces. Background music was provided by the Harry Marshard trio.

Jeanette Harpel, Chief Technician, Clinical Laboratories, was chairman of the event. Barbara Winokar, Secretary, Personnel, assisted her. Barbara Ghelfi, Secretary, Clinical Pathology, was in charge of decorations, assisted by Esther Bradbard, Manager of the Gift Shop. John Cusack, Draftsman, Maintenance, arranged for posters publicizing the event. Invitations were de-

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ANNOUNCE $140,000 IN GOVERNMENT GRANTS

More than $140,000 in research grants has been awarded to seven physicians at BIH by the U.S. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health. The grants were awarded through Harvard University and BIH.

Dr. A. Stone Freedberg, Associate Director of Medical Research and Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School; and Dr. George S. Kurland, Associate Visiting Physician and Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at HMS, are studying "The Thyroid and the Heart" under a renewal grant of $44,850.

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Left to right: Mr. Joseph Riesman is shown presenting a 30-year award certificate to Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart (second from right) as Bill Janek and Dr. Sidney S. Lee (far right) look on.

Depts. Take Active Role in Infection Control at BIH

Outbreaks of infections in hospitals constitute a world-wide problem. Like fire and safety, prevention offers the best approach to the control of infections.

Fortunately, at Beth Israel Hospital there has been no serious outbreak because every precaution is observed to prevent such a situation. In 1958, the Medical Executive Committee appointed a Committee on Infections to assist in dealing with the various problems of infection at Beth Israel Hospital. The Committee makes recommendations for the prevention of possible outbreaks of infections, and keeps a careful record of the incidence of infections throughout the hospital. This Committee meets monthly and submits periodic reports to the Medical Executive Committee.

Infections Committee

Dr. Alexander M. Rutenberg, Associate Director of Surgical Research, is Chairman of the Committee.

Dr. James Feeney, Director of Ambulatory Services, serves as Committee secretary. Other Committee members are: Dr. Louis Burke, Associate Visiting Obstetrician; Dr. Lippman H. Geronimus, Associate in Pathology (Bacteriology); Dr. Alan Kaitz, Associate in Medicine; Dr. Samuel L. Katz, Pediatrician-in-Chief; Dr. Martin D. Keller, Director of Clinical Services; and Miss Frances Simon, Associate Director of Nursing Service.

Although all areas of the hospital are potential sources of difficulty, our major concerns are with the delivery room and nursery, the operating room, and with the elderly debilitated patients.

Isolate for Protection

In order to protect employees and patients, the principle of isolation is employed with patients who have certain kinds of infections. Appropriate instructions on how to carry this out can be found in the manual "Communicable Disease Precautions" which is available at each nursing station. For those employees involved directly with patient care this manual should be reviewed periodically.

The role of the employee in helping to prevent the spread of infection is of paramount importance. The Committee notes that the problem is well controlled at Beth Israel Hospital because of special procedures followed by various departments.

In Housekeeping, cleanliness is the most important factor. Dirt harbors bacteria and dust spreads it. Bacteria can also grow in dirty water mops, and so pails are emptied nightly as a precaution. There is no sweeping in patient areas. Damp and specially treated dry mops are employed because they reduce dust more than sweeping.

Linens Are Separate

Disease can be transmitted through linen, and so special procedures for the handling of contaminated linens are followed in the laundry. Transportation and disposal of contaminated linen is separate from uncontaminated linen. The patient is further protected by sterile storage and transportation of clean linens to the floors.

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Joseph Kaplan, BIH Trustee

The Hospital mourns the loss of one of its Trustees, Mr. Joseph Kaplan, on November 12, 1960.

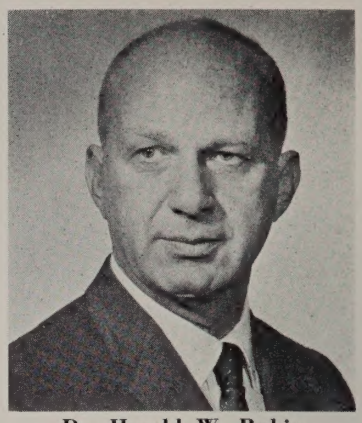
The Board of Trustees passed a resolution mourning Mr. Kaplan's loss. It read, in part . . . "He was a Trustee of the Hospital for over twenty-five years and during the entire period of his service was a willing and generous contributor to its needs, and always ready to accept his responsibilities as a Trustee of the Hospital. He was by nature helpful and kind, and his warmth of spirit brought to him the friendship of many members of the community."

Mr. Kaplan, who was the President of the Colonial Tanning Company, Inc., is survived by his wife and three children.

Name '61 Medical Executive Committee

The Medical Executive Committee for 1961 was recently appointed by Mr. Rudolph H. Wyner, President of the Hospital. The Committee will be chaired by Dr. David G. Freiman, Pathologist-in-Chief and Director of Laboratories. Dr. Martin D. Keller, Director of Clinical Services, will serve as Secretary.

Other members of the Committee are: Dr. David D. Berlin, Visiting Surgeon; Dr. Grete L. Bibring, Psychiatrist-in-Chief; Dr. Jacob Fine, Surgeon-in-Chief; Dr. Samuel L. Katz, Pediatrician-in-Chief; Dr. George M. Pike, Associate Visiting Physician; Dr. George C. Prather, Head of the Department of Urology; Dr. Harold H. Rosenfield, Visiting Obstetrician; Dr. Nathan Sidel, Visiting Physician; Dr. Morris Simon, Acting Radiologist-in-Chief; Dr. Arnold Starr, Visiting Surgeon; and Dr. Louis Zetzel, Visiting Physician. Mr. Rudolph H. Wyner, President of the Hospital, and Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director, ex-officio.



Dr. Harold W. Rubin

Dr. Rubin Will Be Acting OBS Chief

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At Beth Israel Hospital, he is a member of the Staff Council and of the Medical Records Committee, and for several years has been head of the Obstetrics-Gynecology Clinics of the OPD.

Dr. Rubin is a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the New England Obstetrical Society, and the Boston Obstetrical Society.

Special Counseling Unit Serves Private Patients

To stimulate use of counseling services by larger numbers of private and semi-private patients, Beth Israel Hospital has established a Private Patient Counseling Service as a special unit of its Social Service Department.

The action was announced by Mrs. Beatrice Phillips, Director of the Social Service Department at the Hospital, and Jerry Solon, Director of Beth Israel's Medical Care Studies Unit.

Studies conducted at the Hospital had revealed that many private and semi-private patients did not avail themselves of the counseling service which is open to all patients.

Following a recommendation by the Medical Executive Committee, the Hospital's Board of Trustees authorized the initiation of fees for providing service for private and semi-private patients in October, 1958. Since that time over 250 private patients have been assisted through this program. The present move is aimed at encouraging greater numbers of private patients to avail themselves of the service.

The unit, which has been set up in separate offices in the Hospital, helps private patients bridge the gap between hospitalization and the reestablishment of home life. Mrs. Margaret Ann Smith serves as the social worker for the program. She assists patients in finding solutions for social and emotional problems which may arise as a result of their stay in the Hospital and during the convalescent period.

BIH Nurse is Air National Guard Captain; "Flying Hospital" Provides Real Adventure

Miss Dorothea T. Schmidt, who has been on the staff of our School of Nursing since 1957, has just attained the rank of Captain in the Air National Guard. Although Miss Schmidt has been a member of this defense organization for little more than a year, she received her wings in September and her new rank in December. It is considered most unusual for anyone to attain the rank of Captain in a period of less than two years.

The Air National Guard was organized to assist the Military Air Transport Service of the United States Air Force during periods of national disaster. It functions "like a flying hospital" and those in the service may be called on in the event of a national disaster of any sort varying from flood to war devastation.

"In order to qualify for my wings," explained Miss Schmidt, "I trained for four weeks at Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. Following this I took a seven week course at the School of Aviation Medicine given by the Air Force at Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas."

Regulations in the organization require 36 supplementary flights per year plus fifteen days active duty yearly.

A REMINDER

The Federal Government (under the Immigration and Nationality Act) requires every person who is not a citizen of the United States to report his address to the Government each January.

All forms and further information can be obtained from the Division of Clinical Services.

Don't forget! The deadline is January 31st.

Rigorous Process Marks Selection of House Staff

by Dr. Edward J. Hershgold
Chief Resident, Medicine

The House Officer is an integral part of the staff at Beth Israel Hospital. He arrives at the Hospital between June 24th and July 1st every year and begins a rigorous and intensive schedule of patient care and further training in medical practice. His day begins at about 7:00 a.m. Every second or third night he is "on call" all night. He is "on call" every other week-end. Being "on call" means that he must be at the Hospital. Some nights he does not sleep.

Beth Israel Hospital is proud of its 16 interns, 44 assistant residents, and 11 residents who constitute our House Staff. How they are chosen is an interesting story.

Has Many Applicants

Each year, almost 200 applications for internship at BIH are received from 4th year medical students throughout the United States. Only *16* internships are available. The number of applications to BIH for a limited number of internships attests to our fine reputation as a teaching hospital.

Selections are made with the help of rigorous examinations and the National Intern Matching Program. Each applicant is seen in interview by a panel of the visiting staff. Here he is rated on the basis of his knowledge of the art and theory of medical practice as well as on his manner, personality, and level of maturity. Previously he has submitted credentials from his medical school attesting to his performance and to the impression he has made on his professors.

Fairness is Assured

Not only do we rate prospective house officers, but they are also given an opportunity to rate us. Each applicant submits to the National Intern Matching Program a list, in order of preference, of the hospitals at which he would like to serve. He has made these choices on the basis of visits to these hospitals and on their reputations.

The list made by the applicant and the list of preferences made by the hospital are sent to a center where they are matched on IBM machines. In this way the applicant and the hospital are assured of strict fairness in getting their choices.

The Big Day

March 15th of each year is known to 4th year medical students as the "Ides of March." On this day, a sealed envelope is given to each student containing the name of the hospital where he will serve his internship. On the same day, a list of successful applicants is received by the hospital. This is a day of great suspense for everyone.

Each hospital then sends a letter of acceptance to its new interns and asks for acknowledgment through similar letters.

Choices for assistant residents and residents are made by the chiefs of service involved from the house officers currently serving in the hospital and from almost 200 applicants serving elsewhere.

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signed by Jerome Malman, Evening Supervisor, Housekeeping. Helen Swartz, Executive Secretary, Maintenance, was chairman of the Hostess Committee. Thanks for the sandwiches, cakes and hot cider go to Miss Ruth Sheinwald, Director of Dietetics, and her entire Dietary staff. Hostesses were: Helen Berman, Elvira Boyle, Esther Bradbard, Marguerite Driscoll, Catherine Johnson, Helen Kalick, Edith Kessler, Henderika Korning, Ruth Leibovitz, Carol Lumsden, Irma McKnight, Ruth Miller, Jane Silsby, Natalie Simon, Rose Sonberg and Mildred Sutton.

Ten year award winners were: In the Dietary Department, Mr. Kasimer Brancewicz, Kitchenman; Mr. John Nicholson, Porter; and Mr. John Slawinski, Kosher Cook; in the Laundry, Mrs. Mary Jakas, Shaker. In Maintenance, Mr. William Downey, Electrician; Mr. John McDonough, Shop Foreman; Mr. Gerald O'Connell, Mechanic; Miss Kalla Freiberg, Head, Information and Mail; Mrs. Grace Remy, Nurses Aide; Miss Selma Segal, Technician, Medical Research; Mr. Erich Hoffman, Diener, Surgical Research.

Five year pins were awarded to: Miss Mary A. Zizza, Chief, Accounts Payable Clerk, Accounting Department; Mrs. Emma K. Brooks, Counterwoman, Mrs. Minnie Freedman, Pantrywoman, and Mr. Alexander Jakubcewicz, Cooks Helper, Dietary Department. In the Housekeeping Department: Mr. Samuel Goodman, part-time Elevator Operator; Mrs. Elise Reese, Maid; Miss Pamela Russo, Maid; Mr. Charles Sherman, Elevator Operator; Miss Jadwiga Sucheicka, Maid; Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, Maid. In the Laundry Department, awards were pre-

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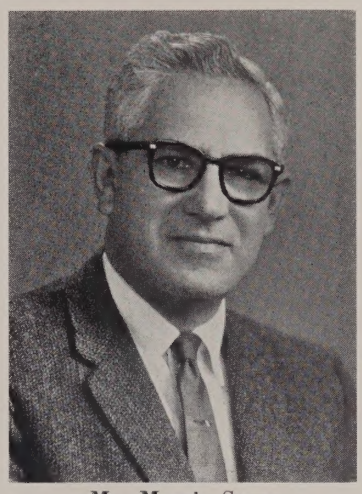

Mr. Morris Stern

NAME FUND DRIVE HEAD

Mr. Morris Stern of St. Louis arrived at Beth Israel Hospital this month to serve as Executive Secretary of the Hospital's Development Fund Campaign for $7,500,000, Mr. Rudolph H. Wyner, President, announced.

Most recently, Mr. Stern was Campaign Director of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis which is equivalent to Combined Jewish Appeal in Boston. From 1954-1956 he was Executive Secretary of the Development Fund at Mt. Sinai Hospital of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he organized the fund raising campaign for that Hospital's expansion.

Mr. Stern will work with Mr. Irving W. Rabb, Chairman of the Development Fund Committee; Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director; Mr. Louis Stein, Director of Public Relations; and the Development Fund Committee, to organize and follow through on raising $7,500,000, and to ensure completion of expansion plans.

Caution Is Exercised

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In Dietary, prompt and continuous refrigeration of certain foodstuffs avoids spoilage. Utensils are cleaned thoroughly, disinfected and stored. Because dirt breeds germs in garbage, storage of garbage and waste disposal are especially important factors. Special procedures are followed for isolated patients.

All dishes, utensils, glasses, trays, are kept separately.

Ventilation and the maintenance of air filters help prevent the spread of infection. The Maintenance department watches over the upkeep of sterilization facilities, such as temperature of water and steam. They control rodents and insects which spread disease. They maintain plumbing to prevent back-siphonage and cross connections.

BIH Doctors Get Grants

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Dr. Sanford Wessler, Visiting Physician and Assistant Professor of Medicine at HMS, is investigating the "Mechanism of Serum-Induced Thrombosis" under a renewal grant of $29,106.

A new four-year grant of $32,094 per year has been awarded to Dr. Jacob Fine, Surgeon-in-Chief and Professor of Surgery at HMS, and Dr. John A. Williams, Associate in Surgical Research and Instructor in Surgery at HMS, to study changes in the blood as a result of hemorrhage, burns and other disorders.

Graduate training in Pathology will be furthered with a grant of $10,905 awarded to Dr. David G. Freiman, Pathologist-in-Chief and Director of Laboratories, and Clinical Professor of Pathology at HMS.

Dr. Grete L. Bibring, Psychiatrist-in-Chief and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, HMS, will continue studies on the Psychological Course of Pregnancy with the aid of a $24,922 renewal grant.

HMS Promotes Dr. G. L. Bibring

Dr. Grete L. Bibring, Psychiatrist-in-Chief at Beth Israel Hospital, has been promoted to be Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, effective January 1, 1961.

Dr. Bibring is President-Elect of the American Psycho-analytic Association. She was elected to this post at the Association's midwinter meetings in New York.

She served as Head of the Beth Israel Psychiatry Department from 1946 to 1955 when she became Psychiatrist-in-Chief. Born in Vienna, Dr. Bibring is a graduate of the University of Vienna (M. D.).

Rosenfield Resigns As OBS Chief

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he is resigning, we are pleased that he is not retiring and will be around to continue to help us."

The announcement of his resignation was first made at the Hospital's Annual Dinner by Mr. Rudolph H. Wyner, President. At that time, he was given a citation praising his performance and contributions to Beth Israel.

MEET THE FAMILY . . .

Cooperation Is Key To Goals, Says Fagie

Frances Simon came to Beth Israel Hospital in September, 1940, as a student nurse. Today she is Associate Director of Nursing Service and has been since June, 1959.

"Fagie," born in Lawrence, Mass., is well known on patient floors and throughout the Hospital.

Although she left BIH for a short time to complete her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Nursing at Boston University School of Nursing, and spent a year at the University of California at Berkeley, she has been at BIH full time.

Loves to Travel

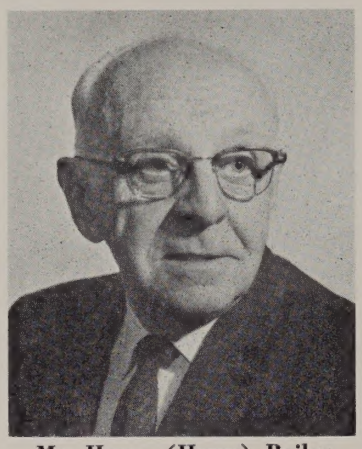
Her major interests are the theatre, concerts and traveling. This past September, she enjoyed exciting travels for 7 weeks to Israel, Russia, France and England.

Miss Frances Simon

At BIH, "Fagie" evaluates patient care and works with Nursing Supervisors to improve it.

She makes rounds of patient areas and sees personnel at work. She talks to patients and invites suggestions and recommendations from patients, nurses and physicians.

Among her duties is guidance and counseling for all personnel in the Division of Nursing, both about their work and personal problems. "The primary objective of nursing at BIH," she explains, "is to provide high quality patient care. While the responsibility for the administration of Nursing Service is that of the Associate Director, it is only through the cooperation of the entire staff that the goals of the Nursing Division can be attained," she concluded.



Mr. Henry (Harry) Bailey

Never "Too Big" To Do It Himself

"My prime function here is to help keep this hospital running to provide excellent patient care." So said Harry Bailey, Assistant Administrative Engineer.

Born Henry Bailey, in Boston, Harry served as an apprentice to his father, who was a mechanic.

He came to Beth Israel Hospital 15 years ago as a general mechanic. Harry has worked in all areas of the Hospital. He was Shop Foreman for eight years and has been in his present position for three years.

A rugged individualist, he does not join clubs or organizations.

Serves As Liaison

He acts as a liaison between Mr. Vincent Gardner, Administrative Engineer, and the shop foreman. "I wouldn't ask a man to do anything I wouldn't do myself," he said explaining his philosophy of work. "I enjoy doing it myself, and anytime I feel too big to do things myself, I will leave the picture."

A man who is consulted on anything and everything, he listens to everyone's problems. "Whether it lies in the Operating Room or Yamins Building, the kitchen or a patient's bed, our men are on the job to give the best service they can," he explained.

Harry remembers some exciting times at BIH. "I remember when we built the South Building and Yamins Research Building and as soon as we opened the doors the South Building was bulging from overcrowding."

Mr. Bailey will play an important role in the new expansion program. He will work with contractors, plumbers, and cabinet makers, to name a few. He will again be watching the Hospital grow. And the Hospital is glad to have him and his humor to help it do that growing.

What's Going On?

Clinical Services

ANITA WOO, *Reporter*

Mrs. Pearl Davidow, Executive Secretary to the OBS Department, resigned after 5 years this December to await the birth of her first child in February . . . *Mrs. Marcia Stelman* is the new secretary.

Mrs. Ina Burstein, Administrative Assistant (Home Care) has announced that she will be leaving Boston to live in New York. Ina has been in Home Care since the program began.

Welcome to *Evelyn Levine*, new Executive Secretary to *Dr. Howard Frank*, Associate Director of Surgical Research.

House Officers

Dr. and Mrs. Edward J. Hershgold (Chief Resident, Medicine) welcomed their first-born, David Alan, on November 19, 1960 . . . *Dr. and Mrs. Ira S. Polevoy* (Intern, Surgery) became the parents of a baby girl, Sharon Gail, on December 12th . . . *Dr. Robert Ullian* (Asst. Resident, Medicine) and *Dr. Jack Berger* (Assistant Resident, Medicine) enjoyed a two-week European tour.

Fiscal Services

MARION OLIVER, *Reporter*

Mr. Granville K. Thompson, Director of Fiscal Services, was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Fisher Junior College, Back Bay, Boston, early in December. He has been on the Board for two years. *Marion Oliver* joined the department in November as Executive Secretary. Welcome, Marion!

Nursing

MRS. SYLVIA BAILET, *Reporter*

Welcome back to *Marjorie Bachman*, new OBS Supervisor . . . also to *Regina Hackett*, Evening Supervisor, Nursing Office.

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sented to: Mrs. Glenna G. Duty, General Laundry Woman; Mr. Joseph Jakas, Extractor; Mr. Napoleon St. Peter, Porter; Mrs. Ann E. Welch, General Laundry Woman. Mr. Robert McSweeney, Buyer, Purchasing Department was also honored.

In the Nursing Division, five year award winners were: Mr. Harold Blake, Evening Orderly; Miss Carolyn Brevard, Nurses Aide; Mrs. Dorothy Callender, Technician; Miss Helen M. Doucette, Supervisor; Mrs. Doris Hyman, Technician; Mrs. Margaret McEachern, Desk Clerk, Kirstein Hall; Mrs. Annie Peters, Nurses Aide; Mrs. Louise Rhone, Nurses Aide; Mrs. Ebba Schkoba, Nurses Aide; Mrs. Corinne Walker, Nurses Aide; Miss Barbara Willey, Staff Nurse.

In the Division of Clinical Services, five-year pins were awarded to: Mrs. Dorothy Plett, Chief Technician, Pathology; Mrs. Carolyn Kretchmar, Clerk, OPD; Mrs. Jeanette Paeff, Executive Secretary, OPD; Dr. Benjamin Brussel, Psychiatrist; Mrs. Ina Burstein, Administrative Assistant, Home Care; Mrs. Lois Nesson, Nurse, Home Care; Miss Joan Burke, Technician, Medical Research; Miss Rosemary Davidson, Secretary, Medical Research; and Dr. Julius Goldbarg, Associate in Surgical Research.

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